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POLO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN, FACES 10-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Polo, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to possessing child pornography.

William Dalton Weis, 21, of Polo, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to the charge contained in a Nov. 16, 2005, federal indictment.

Weis admitted that he had more than 600 images of child pornography stored on two computers on Nov. 10, 2004. **Weis** obtained these photos and movies by advertising under the name PornoKing and running a file-sharing program in an Internet Relay Chat room entitled "#100%PreTeenGirlSexPics." **Weis** established a 1-to-1 trading ratio with this program.

By pleading guilty today, **Weis** also agreed to forfeit to the government the two computers used to commit the offense.

Under the terms of today's plea agreement, the court will sentence **Weis** to 10 years in federal prison without parole. A formal sentencing hearing has not yet been scheduled.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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